

## **Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. A method for use in accordance with patient care, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5           receiving one or more metrics associated with one or more patients;  
            determining one or more priorities associated with the one or more patients based  
at least on the one or more metrics;  
            determining an ordering of the one or more patients, responsive to the one or  
more priorities; and  
10           responsive to the ordering of the one or more patients, transmitting an indicator to  
at least one receiver.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining one or more priorities  
further comprises the steps of:

- accessing information about the one or more patients; and  
15           evaluating the one or more metrics responsive to the information.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the information about the one or more patients  
is at least one of medical history, an order of a doctor, a threshold for a metric.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining one or more priorities  
further comprises the step of accessing information about a metric.

- 20           5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of determining a receiver  
for the indicator of order of the one or more patients.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicator comprises recommended care.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting an indicator is performed at least one of wirelessly, via Ethernet 802.11, via a cellular network, and via a wide area network.

5           8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting an indicator comprises transmitting an indicator to multiple receivers.

9. Apparatus for use in accordance with patient care, the apparatus comprising:  
a memory; and

10           at least one processor coupled to the memory and operative to: (i) receive one or more metrics associated with one or more patients; (ii) determine one or more priorities associated with the one or more patients based at least on the one or more metrics; (iii) determine an ordering of the one or more patients, responsive to the one or more priorities; and (iv) responsive to the ordering of the one or more patients, transmit an indicator to at least one receiver.

15           10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the operation of determining one or more priorities further comprises accessing information about the one or more patients, and evaluating the one or more metrics responsive to the information.

11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the information about the one or more patients is at least one of medical history, an order of a doctor, a threshold for a metric.

20           12. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the operation of determining one or more priorities further comprises accessing information about a metric.

13. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the at least one processor is further operative to determine a receiver for the indicator of order of the one or more patients.

14. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the indicator comprises recommended care.

5           15. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the operation of transmitting an indicator is performed at least one of wirelessly, via Ethernet 802.11, via a cellular network, and via a wide area network..

10           16. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the operation of transmitting an indicator comprises transmitting an indicator to multiple receivers.

17. An article of manufacture for use in accordance with patient care, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

15           receiving one or more metrics associated with one or more patients;  
             determining one or more priorities associated with the one or more patients based at least on the one or more metrics;  
             determining an ordering of the one or more patients, responsive to the one or more priorities; and  
             responsive to the ordering of the one or more patients, transmitting an indicator to  
20           at least one receiver.

18. The article of claim 17, wherein the step of determining one or more priorities further comprises the steps of:

             accessing information about the one or more patients; and

evaluating the one or more metrics responsive to the information.

19. The article of claim 17, wherein the step of determining one or more priorities further comprises the step of accessing information about a metric.

5 20. The article of claim 17, further comprising the step of determining a receiver for the indicator of order of the one or more patients.

21. The article of claim 17, wherein the indicator comprises recommended care.

22. The article of claim 17, wherein the step of transmitting an indicator is performed at least one of wirelessly, via Ethernet 802.11, via a cellular network, and via a wide area network.

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23. The article of claim 17, wherein the step of transmitting an indicator comprises transmitting an indicator to multiple receivers.

24. A system for use in accordance with patient care, comprising:  
one or more input nodes for transmitting information associated with one or more  
15 patients;

at least one server operative to: (i) receive at least a portion of the transmitted information from the one or more input nodes; (ii) determine one or more priorities associated with the one or more patients based at least on the received information; (iii) determine an ordering of the one or more patients, responsive to the one or more  
20 priorities; and (iv) responsive to the ordering of the one or more patients, transmit indicator information; and

one or more output nodes for receiving at least a portion of the indicator information.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the one or more input nodes are monitors associated with the one or more patients.

5           26. The system of claim 24, wherein the one or more output nodes are devices associated with one or more entities associated with patient care.

27. A method for use in accordance with patient care, the method comprising the steps of:

10           determining one or more priorities associated with one or more patients;  
             determining an ordering of the one or more patients, responsive to the one or more priorities;  
             determining a receiver; and  
             responsive to the ordering of the one or more patients, transmitting an indicator to the receiver.

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